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A BABY IN THE BASKET.

While the family of a Pittsburgh merchant were quietly taking their tea at their residence in Allegheny, the other evening, a ring was heard on the bell, and the door having been opened, a surprise awaited the household. The hired girl, carried into the dining-room not a delicately-tinted and artistically-inscribed card, but a basket! Mr. L. looked inquiringly at Mrs. L., who from the other end of the table re- turned his glance with a gasp so mild, so mean- ingless, that he saw there was no use in asking her what the basket contained. The hired girl was directed to open the mysterious package, which bore no cover, but was apparently filled with silk patchwork. Fold after fold was re- moved till, without as yet having brought to light anything but dry goods, Betsey held up her hands, and with horror depicted on her face, exclaimed: "It's alive!"

Mr. L. arose from his chair in a determined manner, and went over to investigate the contents of the basket. The mystery was soon solved. It was the old story. Bell rung—door opened—basket found suspended to door knob—baby in basket.

That tells the whole story of the finding of the basket, but words cannot express the anguish of the look which Mrs. L. let fall upon her con- fused and speechless husband as she raised her handkerchief to her eyes, and turned away to conceal her emotion. This was too much for poor L., who at heart is not a bad man, but given to staying away from home a little too much, perhaps, in the evening. But he always had a good excuse for his absence. The lodge, of course, had to be attended to. Then the spelling matches are something in which he was particularly interested, and these kept him from home frequently till bed time. There are dozens of reasons which any man who has been married a few years can find always to command to excuse his absence, and all these had been used by him with variations till he could as easily account for six nights of the week as the champion orthographer can answer every conundrum in Osgood's speller.

Now he felt crushed. There was the baby in the basket, poor little dear, kicking and trying to eat its fist as contentedly as if in its own home, but there was no note, not a line of ex- planation. L. felt that he ought to say some- thing, but he knew not how to begin. He caught his wife by the arm as she was about to retire to the solitude of her own room and said earnestly, but in a trembling voice, "Mary, on my honor I am not responsible for this."

"Oh, William," she sobbed, with her handkerchief still up to her eyes, as she struggled to get away, "how can you say this?"

He dropped to his knees, and, holding her by her hand, implored her not to go away, but listen to him. He would be honest with her. He had been careless and neglectful sometimes, perhaps, but he was not guilty of this.

Still she struggled to be free, but he would not let her go, and again she cried out:

"Oh, what good can it do you to deny it?"

But he denied it again and again, and vowed he would do anything in the world for her who had always been so loving to him. But he could not bear to have her doubt him.

He would stay at home nights now as long as he lived, or else take her where he went, but he could not live to see her breaking her heart with doubts and suspicions of him. He kissed her hand a thousand times, with tears in his eyes and assured her that he loved her as ever, and then he begged her to dry her eyes and be happy. He was innocent now, and he would not again be absent from his hearthstone on any night during the remainder of his life.

What could she do? She was only a woman, and she believed and forgave him. Perhaps some wives will say she was "soft," or "epoony," in permitting herself to believe in him again, but she did it. She gave him her other hand freely, and he arose and embraced her as he was wont to do when they were young and con- fiding. He felt happy in his forgiveness, and looking into her grave but not unhappy face, he said, "Well, Mary, this adds one more to our little family. We have two of the little in- nocents to cherish and protect, and we will do it to the best of our ability."

She shook her head and smiled.

"Yes, it is so, my own," he asked.

"Yes, it is so, my own," she replied; "but it is the same as we always had—that is, for the past seven weeks."

It was the old April joke of a wife on her lord, who was given to important business out in the evenings.

CANDIDATES.

DEAR SIR: We, your friends and neighbors, who have known you intimately in all the relations of life, desire to present you to the voters of Fauquier county as a candidate for the next House of Delegates.

We can fully endorse you as an intelligent, upright and pains-taking man of business, with qualifications which eminently fit you for usefulness in that body, and in whom we can en- tirely confide. We respectfully urge the use of your name.

To H. Barnes Kerrick, esq., Markham station.

J. A. Marshall, James L. Strother, James M. Marshall, E. H. Kidwell, James R. Green, George Strother, Alfred Cable, W. A. Martin, Robt. M. Stribling, Wm. C. Marshall, Wm. A. Hoffman, John Pearson, A. W. Phillips, John White.

MARKHAM STATION, Aug. 21st, 1875.

Messrs. J. A. Marshall, Geo. Strother, Robert M. Stribling, &c.

Gentlemen: In reply to your flattering in- vitation, I can only say that you may, at your pleasure, submit my name to the Conservative party either in convention or by primary elec- tion, as it may select for its nominee, with the pledge from me that if elected I will leave nothing undone to sustain the honor and in- tegrity of the State, which I believe to be entirely consistent with the success of the measures of the Conservative party.

Thanking you most kindly, I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant and fellow citizen,

aug 23-1m H. BARNES KERRICK.

GREEN GINGER for sale by

aug 23 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

SCHOOL BOOKS!

SCHOOL REQUISITES,

of every description, at

French's, No. 95 King street.

Just received a full supply of all the books

authorized by the State Board for use in the

public schools.

School and College Text Books, English and

Classical, at publishers' prices.

Slates, Pencils, Composition Books, Book

Cases, School Satchels, Pens, Penholders

and every school requisite for a complete outfit.

New styles of Stationery just received, contain-

ing the very finest English and French Paper

and Envelopes; a great variety of patterns and

colors; very handsome.

New Books daily. Constantly on hand all

the leading Magazines and Reviews, American

and Foreign.

Prayer Books and Hymnals in beauti-

ful styles of binding.

Fine Portemonnies and Card Cases, in Russia

Leather, Turkey Morocco and Seal Skin; Rus-

sia Satchels and Travelling Bags.

The finest American, English and French

Stationery, all the latest styles.

Just received a full line of Blank Books, all

sizes—Journals, Ledgers, Day Books, Cash

Books, Medium, Demy, Crown and Cap, full

and half bound, Memorandums, Pass Books,

Indexes.

Owing to the new postal law increasing the

postage on packages of merchandise from half

cent to one cent per ounce, the price of lot No.

1, five quires, Note Paper, prepaid, will be 35c;

lot No. 2, 50c; lot No. 3, 60c; lot No. 4, 80c and

\$1; French Quadrille same price.

Initial Notes, a great variety of styles and

prices. Pierie's finest French Rep Papers and

Envelopes to match.

Paper, Envelopes, Books, Magazines, Re-

views, etc., mailed to any part of the country.

GEO. E. FRENCH,

95 King street, Alexandria, Va.

sep 4

FISH, OYSTERS, &c.

OYSTERS.

We keep constantly on hand the BEST THE

MARK AFFORDS.

All orders promptly attended to by the old

established house of

J. H. McLEAN & CO.,

No. 77 Prince street,

Alexandria, Va.

sep 3-4m

DEALER IN OYSTERS.

No. 23 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va.

OYSTERS received daily by steamer.

All orders promptly filled. Satisfaction guar-

anteed. aug 31-3m

W. H. SMITH & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE, FISH,

OYSTERS AND GAME.

FAIRFAX ST. AND MARKET SPACE.

Would inform their friends and the public that

they have commenced the above business, and

would be pleased to furnish them with anything

in their line. Having made arrangements at

their house, on Market space, by fitting up ICE

BOXES, we are prepared to furnish MELONS,

FISH and CLAMS from our ice boxes at all

hours of the day and night, and all who favor

us with their trade can depend on getting them

fresh at all times.

W. H. SMITH & CO.

77-2m

RECEIVED THIS DAY.

100 lbs. 1 and 2 Mackerel, new.

100 lbs. Split Labrador Herring.

100 lbs. Extra No. 1 Herring.

100 lbs. Round do.

500 boxes Smoked Herring.

100 kits No. 1 Mess Mackerel.

100 kits No. 2 and 3 do.

New Salmon, Cod, Hake and Halibut in store

and for sale by S. J. REED & CO.,

aug 4 22 Union street.

REMOVAL.

S. J. REED

Announces to his friends and customers that he

has removed his stock of POTOMAC SHAD

and HERRINGS to NOS. 22 UNION ST. and

11 SOUTH WILKES, where, in connection

with BOWEN & CO., he will keep constantly

on hand a large and varied assortment of

EASTERN FISH.

Has now on hand 600 bbls of different grades of

Fish, consisting of GROSS and NET SHAD,

MESS SHAD in kits, FAMILY ROE HER-

RING, barreled MACKEREL, MESS MACK-

EREL in kits, and SPLIT and ROUND HER-

RINGS, to which he invites the attention of the

public.

The business will in future be conducted by

S. J. REED and J. A. CUNNINGHAM.

Jy 12-4f

MATIN AGUE MIXTURE

WILL POSITIVELY CURE

CHILLS AND FEVER!

This Mixture contains nothing whatever that

can injure the general health, nor is it disagree-

able to the taste. It is composed of the finest

ingredients, and the patient need not change his

customary mode of living while taking the reme-

dy. It is a pleasant tonic, and it taken in small

quantities before breakfast each day will pre-

vent chills and fever in localities where miasma

prevails. It will be found that Matin Ague

Mixture excites the appetite and improves the

general health. For children as well as adults,

it will be found a most effective and pleasant

remedy. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

JANNY & CO.,

Sole Proprietors and Manufacturers,

145 King st., Alexandria, Va.

sep 2

FARMERS' FRIEND PLOWS

Having taken the agency for the "FARM-

ERS' FRIEND" PLOWS and CASTINGS,

manufactured by Hunter & Frost, Fredericks-

burg, I am prepared to furnish the same, by

wholesale and retail, to Grange clubs or others

at the usual discount for cash.

THOMAS PERRY,

aug 26-1m 17 King street.

MOSQUITO NETTING.

New and Improved Mosquito Netting.

Mosquito Net Canopies.

Mosquito Net Fixtures; the best out.

New Patent Finish Seamless Netting, suitable

for all sizes Bedsteads, equal to Lace.

Long experience in this line will enable us to

maintain our reputation.

JOHN P. CLARKE,

Jy 22 No. 158 King street.

BOARDING-BOARD, WITH OR WITH-

OUT FURNISHED ROOMS, in a desir-

able portion of the city, can be obtained at the

corner of Washington and Queen streets. The

house has just been newly refurnished through-

out; the rooms are pleasant and airy, and the

neighborhood unexceptionable.

aug 9-1m Mrs. WILKINS.

BACON! BACON!

Just received P. T. George & Co's brands

of Maryland and Lord Baltimore Hams, all

sizes; Reynold's & Ely's star brand; also small

Sugar-cured Shoulders and Breakfast Pieces.

W. A. JOHNSON,

sep 4 Corner Pitt and Queen streets.

WORSTED FRINGES!

Just received a beautiful line of Worsted

Fringes in every shade at

4f PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM'S.

PRIME HONEY in the comb for sale by

Jy 30 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

DRY GOODS.

CADET CLOTH! CADET CLOTH!

PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM.

We have just received and can furnish suits of

the above goods very cheap, at the shortest no-

tice, and guarantee a good fit. aug 23

NEW GOODS.

I have received another lot of

Superior Black Grenadines,

French Muslins,

White Linen Lawns for dresses,

Sun Umbrellas and Parasols for ladies,

Gents' Superior Silk Umbrellas.

Also a lot of extra quality Straw Matting and

Oil Cloths, and Cocoa Matting for halls.

Jy 17 J. M. STEWART.

PARASOLS AND SUN UMBRELLAS.

June 28th, 1875.

Another invoice of these choice goods just re-

ceived from the manufacturer.

D. F. BRASHEAR,

je 28 109 King street, Alexandria, Va.

August 13, 1875.

BARGAINS IN SUMMER AND SPRING

Goods.

We are selling Pink, Blue and other Colored

Grenadines at 12 1/2 and 13c, worth 25, 37 1/2

and 50c per yard. We are closing out our Lawns

and Organdies at 12 1/2 and 20c, worth 25 and 37 1/2

per yard; also beautiful yard-wide Percales

and Batiste Suitings at 12 1/2c per yard. We offer

these inducements to make room for a large

stock of Fall and Winter Dry Goods, Notions,

Hosiery, &c. D. F. BRASHEAR,

H. B. HOOMES, No. 109 King street,

aug 13 Alexandria, Va.

AT PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM'S.

Beautiful patterns of HAMBURG NET for

overshirts, with LACES to match.

New styles of FRENCH, CORDED and

PLAIN LAWNS.

Also a beautiful line of LAWNS at 12 1/2 cts.

per yard. je 18

SUN UMBRELLAS.

PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM'S.

Latest styles, heavy twilled Silk, in shades of

Blue, Brown and Black, with Pearl and Ivory

Handles. my 6

NEW GOODS. We are in daily receipt of

new goods, keeping our stock well assort-

ed. We invite purchasers, either at wholesale

or retail, to inspect our goods before purchasing.

Jy 10 D. F. WITMER CO.

REDUCED PRICES ON DRESS GOODS.

We have just returned from New York with

a full line of the latest styles of

DRESS GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

We cannot give any idea by names of the